BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-249-C - ORDER NO. 96-659

SEPTEMBER 19, 1996

	Request of Pickens High School,)	ORDER RULING
	111 Blume Flame Drive, Pickens,)	ON REQUEST
	SC 29671, for Waiver of COCOT)	
	Guidelines.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Pickens High School (the School) to equip its pay telephones with automatic disconnect cut-off switches. The request is made due to the students chronically using the phones during class time. This apparently has become a discipline problem, and the school does not have sufficient staff to monitor the payphones at all times during the day.

The school also presents a letter from the Pickens Police Department supporting the request.

The Commission has examined this matter and agrees that students using the school's pay telephones during class time is a problem that should be dealt with. Rather than authorizing installation of cut-off switches, however, we hold, and order that BellSouth shall deactivate the pay telephones on the grounds of Pickens High School during periods in which classes are being held. This addresses the same problem as installing automatic disconnect cut-off switches. Any guidelines that may

prohibit this action are hereby waived in this case.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director